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TAGS: MASS, SHUM, PBOR
SUBJ: EDITORIAL CRITICIZES TODMAN VISIT

1. SUMMARY: LA NACION JANUARY 27 RUNS UNCUSTOMARILY HARSH
EDITORIAL ON TODMAN VISIT UNDER HEADING "TERENCE'S BIG STICK
WRAPPED IN SMILES." END SUMMARY

2. EDITORIAL ACCEPTS TODMAN COMMENTS ON RESPECT FOR
POPULAR WILL AT THE POLLS, BUT CRITICIZES HUMAN RIGHTS PRESSURE
ON GROUNDS THAT USG APPLIES DOUBLE STANDARD. EDITORIAL SEES US
COORDINATING BELIZE POLICY WITH UK, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF
COMMON INTEREST IN BELIZEAN OIL POTENTIAL. IT ERRONEOUSLY
ALLUDES TO TODMAN DECLARATIONS ESPOUSING BELIZEAN SELF-
DETERMINATION WHILE HERE AND TAKES TO TASK "MR. CARTER AND
HIS PREACHER BOYS" FOR CLOSING THE DOOR TO THE NEEDS OF THE
GUATEMALAN ARMY IN ORDER TO STOP GUATEMALA FROM PREVENTING
BELIZEAN INDEPENDENCE.

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3. POSITIVE NOTE WAS EDITORIAL'S HAVING MADE A POINT
THAT ALL THREE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES HAD BEEN INVITED
TO AMBASSADOR'S DINNER FOR TODMAN, A POINT
OBSCURED IN OTHER PRESS COVERAGE WHICH TENDED TO SUGGEST
THAT PERALTA MENDEZ HAD BEEN SINGULARLY FAVORED.

4. ON THE OTHER HAND, NEWSPAPER LA HORA, WHICH

FREQUENTLY TAKES A JAUNDICED VIEW OF US POLICIES, RAN FAVORABLE EDITORIAL, CITING HUMAN RIGHTS ASPECTS OF TODMAN VISIT.

5. COMMENT: LA NACION IS OWNED BY PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY ROBERTO GIRON LEMUS. OUR PAST EXPERIENCE WITH LA NACION, HOWEVER, DOES NOT SUPPORT A CONCLUSION THAT THE EDITORIAL WAS INSPIRED BY THE PRESIDENCY.

6. SPANISH TEXT BEING SENT BY USINFO TELEGRAM.
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